

## Larson Names Local Students to the First Congressional District Youth Cabinet

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Hartford, CT- Today, U.S. Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01) announced the first official class of students who will serve on the First Congressional District Youth Cabinet. This historic announcement will transform the role the youth of Connecticut will have with their government.

The youth cabinet, the first youth advisory board of its kind in the nation, will serve as an advisory board to Congressman Larson on issues facing young Americans across the nation. The creation of the cabinet will help foster a stronger relationship between the young people of the district and their government and give them an unique prospective on public service. The enhanced exposure provided to the cabinet members to their government and their elected officials will allow them to share the value of public service with their peers.

"Elected officials have not fully utilized the voice of our youth. All across the country, governments on the municipal, state, and federal levels, create legislation that directly affects the well-being of our youth" said Larson. "With much expected of them, it is imperative that our leaders provide the youth of our nation a meaningful role in the creation of policies affecting their everyday lives. I am proud to do so today, by naming the inaugural class of the first congressional youth cabinet in the country"

The youth cabinet is a non-partisan, non-political entity consisting of youth from the cities and towns within the First Congressional District. Members of the cabinet are between the ages of thirteen and eighteen years old and were nominated by their town's superintendent of schools or their high school principal to serve on the cabinet for a two year term.

"As a former teacher, I believe in the incredible talents that exist in every young person. I was truly impressed with the qualifications and backgrounds of this group. They are exceptional students in and out of the classroom, active members of their community, and upstanding citizens of goodwill. Together, we can be a strong catalyst for our most promising policies affecting children and youth."

The following are the members of the inaugural First Congressional Youth Cabinet:

Name
Grade
City
High School

Breana Vessichio
Senior
Berlin
Berlin High

Carson Collier
Senior
Berlin
Berlin High

Calvin Brown
Sophomore
Bristol
Bristol Eastern High

Kristen Weglarz
Senior
Bristol
Bristol Central High

Amanda Hernandez  
Sophomore  
Bloomfield  
Bloomfield High

Andrew Coleman-Hooker  
Sophomore  
Bloomfield  
Bloomfield High

Matt Ryan  
Senior  
East Hartford  
East Hartford High

Nathan Marques-Hendley  
Junior  
East Hartford  
East Hartford High

David Schwegman  
Junior  
Granby  
Granby Memorial High

Sara Miltenberger  
Sophomore  
Granby  
Granby Memorial High

Kara Googins  
Sophomore  
Glastonbury  
Glastonbury High

Robert Hogan  
Sophomore  
Glastonbury  
Glastonbury High

Emmanuel Morales  
Senior  
Hartford  
Law and Government Academy

Xiomara Colon  
Senior  
Hartford  
Law and Government Academy

Angela Dunham  
Senior  
Hartford  
Weaver

Name  
Grade  
City  
High School

Robin Waring  
Freshman  
New Hartford  
Northwestern Regional #7

Nicole Iacobucci  
Freshman  
Newington  
Newington High

Nicholas Grondin  
Freshman  
Newington  
Newington High

Samantha Iacobucci  
Junior  
Newington  
Newington High

Kyle Kibby  
Junior  
North Granby  
Granby High

Keenen Kelley  
Junior  
Portland  
Portland High

Logan Manning  
Junior  
Portland  
Portland High

Isabelle Palumbo  
Junior  
Southington  
Southington High

Alex Torres  
Junior  
South Windsor  
South Windsor High

Saagar Pandit  
Senior  
South Windsor  
South Windsor High

Gabrielle Franza  
Senior  
Rocky Hill  
Rocky Hill High

Andrew John Duarte  
Senior  
Rocky Hill  
Rocky Hill High

Jeff Pawlak  
Senior  
West Hartford  
Conard High

Kenneth Brand  
Junior  
West Hartford  
Hall High

Sam Cantor  
Senior  
West Hartford  
Hall High

Alexander Tougas  
Junior  
Wethersfield  
Wethersfield High

Bridget Cloonan  
Junior  
Wethersfield  
Wethersfield High

Nathan Ramsey  
Junior  
Windsor  
Windsor High

Sheryl Comer  
Junior  
Windsor  
Windsor High

Sarah Hague  
Freshman  
Winsted  
Northwestern Regional #7